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For firefighter, 9/11 never far



KEVIN HAGEN / For the Monitor

Bernie Cornell survived the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and a bout with thyroid cancer. He sits at his home in Levittown, N.Y.

First responder with N.H. roots worked at Ground Zero for months

First responders weren't invited to the pit tomorrow, 10 years after the war began.

And Bernie Cornell says that's fine.

He says he'll stay home in Levittown, N.Y., playing with his three kids and doing odd jobs around the house. He'll hear the 10th anniversary tributes from the pit, better known as Ground Zero, but the speeches and tears, coming from the TV will serve merely as background.

For Cornell, 46, that's enough. He sees pictures of the 343 fire-



RAY DUCKLER
MONITOR COLUMNIST

fighters who died on Sept. 11, 2001, every day at Randall's Island, where Cornell is an administrator for the New York City Fire Department's training academy.

He attends several ceremonies

each year, and in fact is due at one today at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. He was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 2008, seemingly from what he inhaled.

And his illness cost him his job in the field, relegating him to desk work because of the damage to his vocal cords following surgery. His booming voice, long an integral part of Cornell's personality, was a raspy whisper for more than a year.

Return to the pit?

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COMING TOMORROW: The Monitor checks in with a half-dozen people whose lives have been shaped by the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and their aftermath.

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Robbery suspect arrested

Pregnant clerk at market was knocked to ground

By MADDIE HANNA
Monitor staff

A Concord man was arrested yesterday on charges he robbed the West Street Market last month, knocking the pregnant clerk to the ground before taking off with her purse and money from the convenience store's register.

Abraham Sanborn, 30, of Concord, was arrested yesterday at the Merrimack County jail, where the police said he was being held on unrelated charges.

He is scheduled to be arraigned Monday on robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery charges stemming from the incident at the West Street Market, which happened a little after 4 p.m. on Aug. 29, the police said.

At that time, only one clerk - a woman who was 10 weeks pregnant - was on duty. She said she was sitting in a chair behind the counter when the man came in and was beginning to stand up when he pushed her to the floor, causing her to bruise her knee.

The clerk said she gave the man money from the register but said he grabbed some of the bills himself. The store's surveillance camera captured part of the incident - the third robbery the police have investigated at the market in the last year and a half.

While Sanborn was not charged with the robbery until yesterday, the police had arrested him a day after the Aug. 29 incident on charges unrelated to the robbery case, according to the city's acting police chief, John Duval.

Sanborn was charged with four counts of simple assault and one count of endan-

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Kancamagus road reopens tomorrow

Repair crews have worked overtime to fix damage

By SARAH PALERMO
Monitor staff

What a difference a week makes. Travelers to the White Mountains last weekend were confronted with detours, dead ends and wash outs left by Tropical Storm Irene.

Tomorrow, the scenic Kancamagus Highway will be officially open for travel again, a week earlier than estimated, and Route 49 in Thornton is open, though drivers have to pause at temporary signals where only one lane is open.

The storm's timing - wiping out roads through the state's prime foliage country just weeks before the start of autumn - pushed the repair efforts into overdrive. Public workers and private contractors

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TEN YEARS LATER

Al-Qaida shifts in new landscape

By JOHN WALCOTT
Bloomberg News

The 10-year, U.S.-led campaign against al-Qaida has claimed Osama bin Laden and many of his top lieutenants while failing to extinguish the threat they posed. Islamic militants have adapted to the war on terror, creating new dangers that are harder to detect and defeat.

Terrorists inspired by bin Laden's violent message are determined to carry out smaller attacks and remain fixated on aviation and economic targets such as oil and gas fields, pipelines, transportation routes and refineries, according to counterterrorism experts inside and outside the government.

Followers are using new and hard-

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MY TURN

Rallying 'round the flag shop

After attacks, store became destination

By KARIN PAGE
For the Monitor

September is usually a quiet time at our flag store. Summer is over, and anyone needing to replace a faded flag or who had dreams of adding a flagpole to their yard has already done so. In September 2001, my husband, Patrick, and I had just been married, so it was a great time for us. We had casual days at the store and plenty of time in the evenings to work around our new home. Life was good. I remember driving into work

THE MONITOR has received several dozen 9/11 memories from local readers. We will publish a collection in tomorrow's Viewpoints section.

the morning of Sept. 11 and hearing on the radio about a plane hitting the World Trade Center. As I was opening the retail portion of the store, I heard about the second plane hitting the World Trade Center. Then we heard of the Pentagon being attacked.

Downtown Concord became still. We sat glued to the TV, still unaware of what our role in this

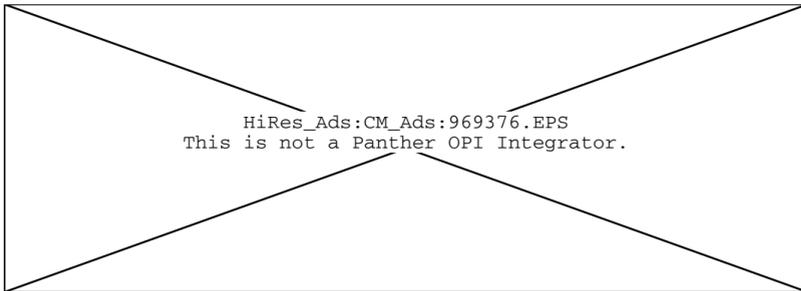
Within an hour, we had a line in the store and out the door.

tragedy would be. A few hours later, the doorbell rang. A woman, distraught, said she needed an American flag. She couldn't believe this was happening to our country. I didn't know how to comfort her because I needed comforting myself. As Americans, we all needed some comforting. She left with her flag, seeming somewhat stronger than when she came in.

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